

## Message Text

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S E C R E T SAIAGON 11532

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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI VS  
SUBJ: POSSIBLE CEASEFIRE VIOLATION

REF: SAIAGON 11377

1. I RAISED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THIS MORNING THE " ULTIMATUM" WHICH GENERAL TOAN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE TRIED TO PASS TO THE OTHER SIDE WITH REGARD TO THE BOMBING OF BEN HET IF THEY DO NOT WITHDRAW FROM THE VILLAGES THEY PRESENTLY HOLD WEST OF KONTUM. I NOTED THAT OUR INFORMATION ON THIS ULTIMATUM WAS FAR FROM RELIABLE, BUT THAT THE CARRYING OUT OF ANY PLAN OF THIS KIND WOULD BE A BLATANT VIOLATION OF THE CEASE- FIRE AND I HOPED OUR INFORMATION WAS FAULTY.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER AGREED WITH ME THAT THE BOMBING OF BEN HET IN RETALIATION FOR CONTINUED VC/ NVA MILITARY ACTIVITY WEST OF KONTUM WOULD BE A MISTAKE. HE SAID HE WOULD BRING THIS MATTER TO GENERAL VIEN'S ATTENTION AND GET TOAN OFF THIS WICKET.

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\*\*\* Current Handling Restrictions \*\*\* EXDIS

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